

IDEQ BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

WHAT IS IDEQ'S BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM? The goal of this joint Region 10 EPA and IDEQ program is to help local governments redevelop "brownfield" sites in their communities by funding and conducting site assessments when a lack of environmental information is complicating site redevelopment or reuse. A brownfield site is a vacant or underutilized property where redevelopment or reuse is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Through this Program, IDEQ will conduct an assessment to determine the nature and extent of contamination (if any) at proposed brownfield sites. IDEQ will produce a Final Report that:

- Reveals whether a site is clean, lightly contaminated, or heavily contaminated;
- Determines the nature and extent of the contamination;
- Identifies potential cleanup options; and
- Estimates cleanup costs (if any).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY? Units of local governments, local redevelopment agencies, non-profit organizations and other government entities created by the State Legislature are eligible to participate in the program by submitting a completed Questionnaire to IDEQ. The applicant must not have caused or contributed to contamination at the site. The applicant does not have to own the site.

WHAT SITES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSESSMENTS? All Brownfield sites are eligible to participate if proposed by an eligible applicant. IDEQ gives preference to publicly owned sites with community-supported redevelopment plans in place and where little or no site environmental information is available. As stated, the applicant must not have caused or contributed to contamination at the site.

HOW DO I APPLY? Eligible applicants, as described above, may apply for an assessment by submitting a Brownfield Assessment Request to IDEQ. IDEQ recommends you work with your IDEQ Regional Office Remediation Staff when completing your Questionnaire. Once completed, email your Brownfield Assessment Request to Keith Donahue, Brownfields Response Program Manager, at kdonahue@deq.state.id.us or fax your Request to Keith Donahue at (208) 373-0154. Mr. Donahue will forward the Request to IDEQ Regional Office Remediation Staff for review. When reviewing your Questionnaire, IDEQ staff may contact you for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE. To explore the use of the Brownfield Assessment Program at your site, for assistance in completing a Questionnaire, or to obtain more information about this program, please contact your IDEQ Regional Office Remediation Staff, or you may contact Keith Donahue, kdonahue@deq.state.id.us or (208) 373-0495.